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WORRIES OF EUROPE.

Less socialism and more work, is the message America should convey to the chaos producers of Europe and their kindred in America. It is a safe assertion that not one of the reds roused up for deportation was in any true sense a real American producer of food. Few were producers of anything but discontent. Without danger of contradiction it might be asserted that no farmer was even a "Red". If some of the internationalist leaders were out on farms producing food to supply the idle communists they would have a different view of methods to adopt in dealing with promoters of trouble. As a matter of fact, there is no good reason why Europe should not be back on a normal peace basis in the production of food this season. Not a foot of German soil was invaded. Not a cent of the area of France was invaded. Belgium, which was almost completely despoiled, has been the readiest in getting back to normal production with Great Britain second. In Poland, if anywhere, there may be some excuse for delay in resuming peace time industrial pursuits but as for all the rest of Europe there is no possible justification for depending on America for food. That is the duty of America as some people think to feed the world. America apparently has not neglected the job. Our exports of breadstuffs for 1919 amounted to \$920,000,000, as compared with \$801,000,000 in 1918 and \$203,000,000 in 1917 before the war. American farmers are working hard, early and late to produce food for the world and part of it goes to countries that are indisputably slow in getting back to work. American contributions to feeding high prices for food in order that large exports may be made.

RECKONING WITH THE RAILROADS.

Men temporarily for two years with demands of railroad men our children have seen. When the men have lived on promises of President Wilson and the railroad administration and it is not surprising that they should expect a permanent demand for a readjustment of wages promised long ago. But it does seem as though the brotherhoods were taking an unfair advantage of the public by continuing their demands with the maintenance of way men who are better known as strike hands and the common labor of the railroad companies has been miserably equipped for the most arduous work of the business. A glance at the schedules of wages paid those men leaves the impression that they should have been among the first men to be re-evaluated when it is known that some of these men are receiving as low as 25 cents an hour, while the better class have been paid with a stipend of 40 cents an hour. There is no excuse for the existence of such pitiful rates for common labor which can easily earn as much more in other branches of industry. The president and his advisers have been too busy fooling the highest paid labor such as found on the footboards of engines or in the varnished interiors of passenger coaches where conductors and brakemen have been receiving wages in startling disparity to the responsibilities of their positions. The section men are entitled to much more than what they are receiving and it would not cause a shock to the average American to know that the men who are relied upon for the safe operation of the railroads and the stability of the under-structure of railroads were given more money. There is nothing attractive about this class of work and the hardships are too obvious to need any accounting for they are the men who must be on the job day and night run on ships with almost no prospect of advancement and no end in sight but increasing toil.

ALL HONOR TO THE SENATE.

The statement that the fight of senators to Americanize the police treaty has been a manifestation of "partisanship" is in itself a manifestation of the ugliest and most contemptible partisanship. From a more partisan standpoint the strategy of the treaty situation was clear. Upon domestic issues the party in power was hopelessly beaten. Ratification of the treaty and endorsement as it stood would have kept domestic issues uppermost in American politics. Moreover from the day the treaty was ratified and the league of nations adopted the dangers of the new world government would have daily become apparent, since the defects of the league are more matters of fact than of theory. Opposition to the league of the uncommitted element was based upon considerations far higher than political advantage and the politicians who have been engaged in an effort to bulldoze members of the senate have succeeded in that these men have placed their consciences in this matter even more considerations of their own immediate political future. The motives of senators who have stood for the Americanization of the treaty have been grossly misapprehended while the campaign to intimidate the senate by threats of political ruin to members sponsoring independent judgment has been equally without precedent, as an exhibition of political cynicism in all our history. All honor to the senate for its long fight for American ideals, interests and traditions, a fight which at the beginning was of doubtful issue, but in the end has undoubtedly the approval of a vast majority of the American people.

"Let us go on to extend the area of our usefulness, until the light of the stars on our banner shall shine upon five hundred millions of free and happy people."—Abraham Lincoln

The London Saturday Review says: "The deadlock at Washington is an instructive lesson in the manners of democracy. Has the time come when we cannot settle our own national business in our own way without being considered impolite to Europe?"

Criticism of scandalous waste, mismanagement and graft in government, especially that which is notorious, should not be left to the radical and revolutionary elements in the country. The people may believe that those who do not criticize malfeasance in office are in sympathy with it.

TONOPAH MEN SUFFER FROM MEXICALI FIRE

F. B. Byers, better known as "Booze Byers," formerly of Tonopah and one of the best known sporting men in southern Nevada, is going to rebuild his famous Owl gambling house at Mexicali which was completely destroyed by fire last Monday. The details of the destruction and the exciting scenes ensuing will interest local readers.

The fire started in a room on the second floor of the Owl building, which was of frame construction. A Chinese employee showed a warning, but the flames spread so rapidly that the thousand or more persons crowded about the gambling tables, bar and stage on the lower floor had scant time to escape. As they struggled through the entrance some of the cooler-headed Mexican players tried to sweep up the abandoned money on the tables and those of them were shot by guards.

The Owl was an immense, barn-like structure with gaming tables, some pool and billiard tables, and the usual high seats for spectators near the front entrances. Along one side ran a long mahogany bar, where half a score of bartenders worked on busy nights. Further back from the street there was a stage with the usual filmy scenery, with old style curtained boxes on either side and plain chairs and benches on the main floor.

Doors led from a corner in the rear of the bar, and from near the theatre section to a stockade in closed space, known locally as the "yard" and built up with perhaps 200 small rooms, occupied by women. The whole structure was integral, and the flames spread so rapidly that the inmates of the yard were forced to abandon their small possessions and flee in the scant darkness in which they appeared on the stage or mingled with the crowds about the bar.

When the fire started, Byers and his employees were aided by the Mexicali rurales and police force in saving the money and much of the gambling equipment. A truck carried more than 700 pounds of silver coin to a Calaveras bank, just across the international boundary, and within a mile of the scene. Other messengers carried over paper and gold money, and some of the more expensive gambling equipment was also taken across the line, after assurance had been given that it could be returned when the excitement died down.

"It was only recently that the Owl resumed gambling operations, after a shutdown of many weeks, said Byers to have been due to orders from the Mexican authorities. Both the Owl management and the Mexican officials have freely admitted that a large revenue was paid to the territorial authorities for permission to operate.

A considerable portion of the loss was in the destruction of wines and whiskeys, much of which was recently stored in the building because of prohibition in the United States. This material added to the intensity of the flames and made their control impossible.

The Owl was owned by F. B. Byers, Frank Allen and G. W. Winton, who had recently acquired the interests of two others formerly interested. All were away at the time. Byers telephoned from San Diego that he would return at once with preliminary sketches for rebuilding.

WRESTLING IN THE COLLEGES

(By Associated Press)

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 12.—For the first time in the history of the two institutions, a series of wrestling contests have been arranged between representatives of the University of Idaho and Washington State college. One will be held at Moscow, Idaho, on February 12 and another here a week later.

Meets also have been scheduled against wrestlers from the University of Washington at Seattle and Oregon Agricultural college at Pullman. The winners of the northwest meets are to go to California to meet representatives of southern universities.

Representatives of Washington State college are to be selected in a series of interclass meets to be held here. Considerable material for the various classes is available but little of it is seasoned, and Coach Adolph Glahn is none too optimistic over Washington State's chances for a good showing.

LONDON'S FIRST WOMAN JUDGE

(Correspondence Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 28.—London's first woman judge of the people is Miss Gertrude Tuckwell, an authority on social questions and a champion of the betterment of the working woman's position.

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GERMAN ADVANCE GUARD ARRIVES IN MEXICO

(Correspondence of Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 30.—The advance guard of German official agents in Mexico has arrived. George Schmidt, designated as consul general, and S. Wolfe, commercial attaché, have both taken their posts and have outlined a program of commercial activity in this republic.

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